

# NEWSLETTER

## Community Service Projects



Over the last several months, group members have donated their time, skills and equipment in support of various Bainbridge Island service organizations. It has been a great opportunity to provide a service while learning new woodworking techniques with other members. We all know there are many different creative paths to woodworking success. One aspect of our group's mission is such public service. Projects have ranged from cabinet making, to a wheel chair ramp, to casement window construction. Each of these collaborations resulted from the varied skills, knowledge and backgrounds of members. Some members have generously provided use of their shop space.

One recent project with "Team Yeomalt" and the Bainbridge Island Park

District is the construction of 18 windows for the Yeomalt Cabin restoration. Take a look at their web site and YouTube videos. <http://www.biparks.org/parksandfacilities/pkcampyeomalt.html>

Under the watchful eye of member Dick Culp and the coordination of Derek Tetlow several members

### From the desk of the President

It has been three months shy of two years since we put a little article in the local newspaper inviting people to come to a meeting about establishing a community wood shop. To our surprise and delight, 52 people showed up at that first meeting at Eagle Harbor Church. Since then our base of community support has grown and much has been accomplished. We are now a non-profit organization established by the State of Washington, the IRS has told us they have no more questions regarding our application for tax exempt status (which hopefully means we will be approved very soon), the contract language between the Park District and the Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop has been hammered out and agreed upon. What remains is to locate a site for the shop and raise money for the shop building. Now that the institutional paperwork has been completed, and with continued community support, we will complete these last two steps.

Roger Lauen

constructed these Douglas fir casement windows. The fir wood was sawn from local trees and provided by Coyote Woodshop. Crucial rail and stile milling was performed by Dick Culp. Additional milling and mortise and tennon work was performed at Derek Tetlow's spacious wood shop by members. Other group members assisted with glue up, filling, and glazing preparation. Window trim, 7 degree sills and casing were also sawn for this project. Group member Jeanne Huber will lead with the glazing. The 18 finished 6 lite doug fir casement windows will be delivered complete with glass, trim, sill and casing for final fitting and installation into the Yeomalt Cabin.



Freshly milled materials, Derek Tetlow cleaning out a mortise for glass panel.



Dick Culp assembling one of the 18 multi-pane windows, assembled window frames.

This particular project is an example of the type of service work our Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop is well suited to. We have many different members, each with their own different skills and skill levels, learning from each other as they share a common pursuit. All ages improving our wood-working skill while helping the greater community once in a while can be enjoyable.

Tim Corcoran

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**News from the education committee:**

The coop is sponsoring three classes with the BI Park District this winter (see catalog, p. 28). As of 15 January, all three had space available, with the cordless drill class in danger of cancellation due to underenrollment: Woodworking Gluing Essentials, Bob Spangler, instructor (7 registered), 1-3 PM on 23 January; Table Saw Safety, Bob Spangler, instructor (5 registered), 1-3 PM on 6 February; Get the Most from Your Cordless Drill, Rick Blumenthal and Randy Torres, instructors, 6:30 PM on 10 February. To register, call Sue at BI Park District, 842-2306 ext. 16 or email her at [sue@biparks.org](mailto:sue@biparks.org).

The coop is proposing the following classes for the Park District's spring offerings: Buying Good Wood, David Kotz, instructor, Coyote Woodshop, date TBD. Description: Tour our local sawmill and learn tips about buying the wood most suitable for whatever specific project you have in mind. Examine different wood species grown on Bainbridge Island. Learn about factors such as flat-sawn vs. rift-sawn, air-dried vs. kiln-dried, and juvenile wood vs. mature wood.

Introduction to Hand and Power Tools, Tom Wilson, instructor, date TBD. Description: A discussion and demonstration of essential hand and power tools for those who may have tools in the household but not be confident in their use, and those who want to know which tools should be in the "homeowner's basic toolkit."

The education committee currently includes Peter Eddy, chair, and Tom Wilson, with Bob Spangler providing guidance in an advisory capacity. Several other coop members have been invited to join but have not yet been heard from.

The committee welcomes suggestions for future course offerings from coop members.

Peter Eddy

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**Site search**

A year ago, the optimists in our group hoped we'd be about ready to break ground this spring for our Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop. Then reality took over.

We are still optimistic, but the search is proving more time-consuming than we had hoped.

Our initial plan was to build on property provided by the Bainbridge Island parks district. We'd received initial assurances that the park district thought this was a good idea, too, and we've continued to hear that in subsequent meetings with staff and board committees. We even have a letter stating that the board supports our project and hopes to help make it possible, and we have gone through several drafts of a partnership agreement laying out how we might build and run the shop.

But we are still looking for the right site. The district's staff told us to abandon our first choice, Rotary Park, because there would be too much neighborhood opposition. We didn't want to get tangled in that. Strawberry Park, our second choice, also won't work because of concerns that a 4,000-square-foot shop would look too massive and that we might overtax the park's septic system. However, the district's ex-

ecutive director, Terry Lande, has told us not to give up. In our most recent meeting, he noted that we might be able to build on one of the properties that the district is hoping to acquire.

We are also exploring other possibilities, including working with the Trust for Working Landscapes and fitting into a development project, much as the Kids Discovery Museum and the Art Museum on Bainbridge Island are doing with the Gateway project now under construction in Winslow.

If you know of any site we should investigate, please let us know. Send an email to Roger, [roggadfly@gmail.com](mailto:roggadfly@gmail.com).

Jeanne Humber

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### **Community Outreach**

I just wanted to update you with my community contacts efforts. I have met with or spoken by phone to all four community service organizations we are partnering with. My intent is still to meet in person with the last two. Schedules prevented this from occurring this week. I did meet with Helpline and went over some projects that they would like to have done in the clothing store section of their operation: Bead boarding applied to the front counter and work on 3 existing cases that are used to hold store items. In general, they need to be trimmed out and firmed up a bit. All in all a nice little project requiring less than \$200.00 in material and should be able to be accomplished in about 2-3 days by one person. I will be taking this to the next step (review board) for a final decision. I also met briefly with Susan Sivits who directs the KidiMU. She will have working drawings for us to look at next week. This work involves case work and displays. Looks like fun, creative work. I am in contact with Habitat and waiting to hear back from them as well. I will report back on these items afterwards these meetings.

Michael Ballou